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PIONEER BLACKS IN ADAMS COUNTY, OHIO.

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From the records of Mrs. Charles Petit of West Union, Ohio, I secured information of my great, great grandfather, John Black.

He was an emigrant frem Northern Ireland. "Jehn Black's name was signed among the twenty with Nathaniel Massie, Dec.1,1790 at Maysville or near Washington, as one of the settlers of Manchester." From our family records I have the names of only two of his children: Janet Black who was born in Ireland, and my great, great grandfather,

Samuel Black Sr. (b.Oct.16,1764 in Ireland; came to the U.S. when 6 yrs. old; m. Hester (or Esther) Conell (Conel or Connel), who died (Nov. or) Feb.1,1865, aged 69 yrs., 7 me., 4 da., who is buried at Stone Chapel). Hester Conell, his wife, was one of the daughters of Zechariah Conell, famous founder of Conellstown, Pennsylvania. The Blacks stopped at Conellstown, Pennsylvania when they came to America.

Samuel Black Sr. and Hester (Conell) Black had eight children:

- 1. Zechariah Black Sr. (b.Oct.10,1789 in Pennsylvania) -my great grandfather.
- 2. Samuel Black Jr. (b.Mar.15,1791)
- 3. William Black (b. Mar.19,1793)
- 4. Elizabeth Black (b. Feb.2,1795)
- 5. John Black (b.July 20,1797), whose wife was Mary "Old Polly" (Piatt) Black.
- 6. Rebecca (Black) Baird (b.Aug.26,1799)
- 7. Jennet (or Janet or "Jennie") (Black) Grooms (b.Jan.16,1802)
- 8. Hester (Black) Piatt (b.July 29,1805)

The family record of each of the above children will be given in the order as given above. The title of each is given in capitals.



Zechariah Black Sr.(b.Oct.10,1789;m.Lydia Smith June 5,1817; d.Mar.25,1870,aged 80 yrs.,4 mo.,15 da.) married Lydia Smith (b.Dec. 3,1802 in Virginia;d.Aug.17,1854,aged 52 yrs.), the daughter of David Smith (b.1773;d.July 8,1853,aged 80 yrs.) and Mary Smith (b. May 13,1799;d.Apr.14,1850,aged 79; buried at Stone Chapel beside her husband). The children of Zechariah Black Sr. and Lydia (Smith) Black were: (not chronologically arranged)

- 1. Rebecca "Beckey" J.Chambers (b.July 20,1818) wife of John Chambers, who lived on the site of Mt. Auburn, Iowa, before the town was built, who later moved to Kansas. Their children were:
 - a. Perry Chambers
 - b.Lydia Ann Chambers
 - c.Zechariah R.Chambers (d.July 13,1851,aged 5 yrs.9 da.)who was accidentally shot. He is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Vinton, Iowa, about the fourth or fifth burial made therein.
- 2. Zechariah Black Jr. (b.Sept.9,1820), who married Elizabeth Helterbran, Nov. 2,1843). They had the following children:
 - a. Kimball (or Kemuel) "Kim" Black of Manchester, Ohio, whose wife was Nancy (Foster) Black, daughter of Abraham Foster.

 They had a son, Ben Black.
 - b.Samuel Black (deceased before 1926), husband of Lucinda "Lu"

 (Humphreys or Humphries) Black. Their children (irregular order)

 were:(1) Rev.Joseph Black of Westerville,(2) Addie Elizabeth

 (Black) Bowman of Ripley,(3) Stella (Black) Jenkins of

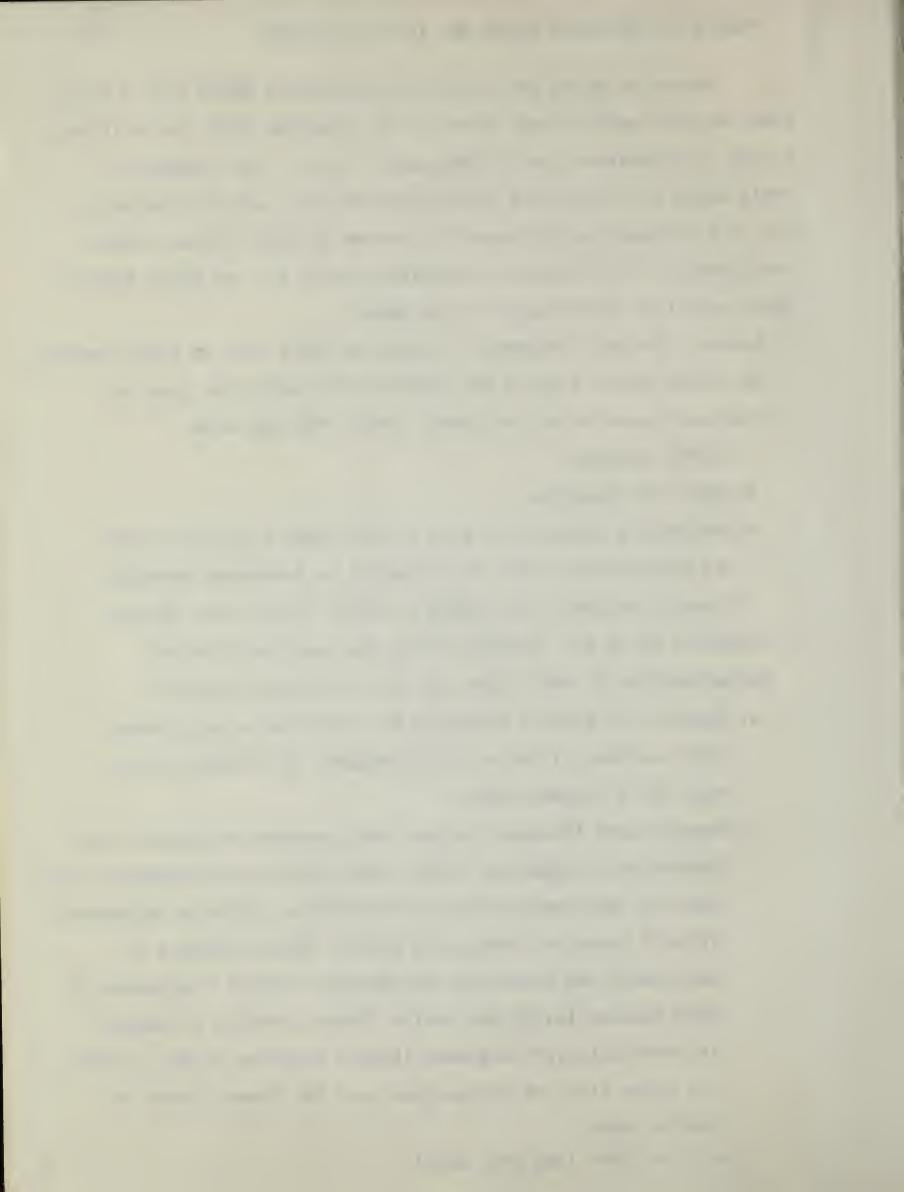
 Manchester and Cincinnati,(4) Blanche (Black) Stephenson of

 West Alexandria,(5) Mrs.Luella (Black) Shelton of Decatur

 and West Union,(6) Mrs.Anna (Black) Lawrence (b.May 5,1874),

 (7) James Black of Dayton,Ohio, and (8) Ernest Black of

 Decatur,Ohio.
 - c.David W.Black (see next page)



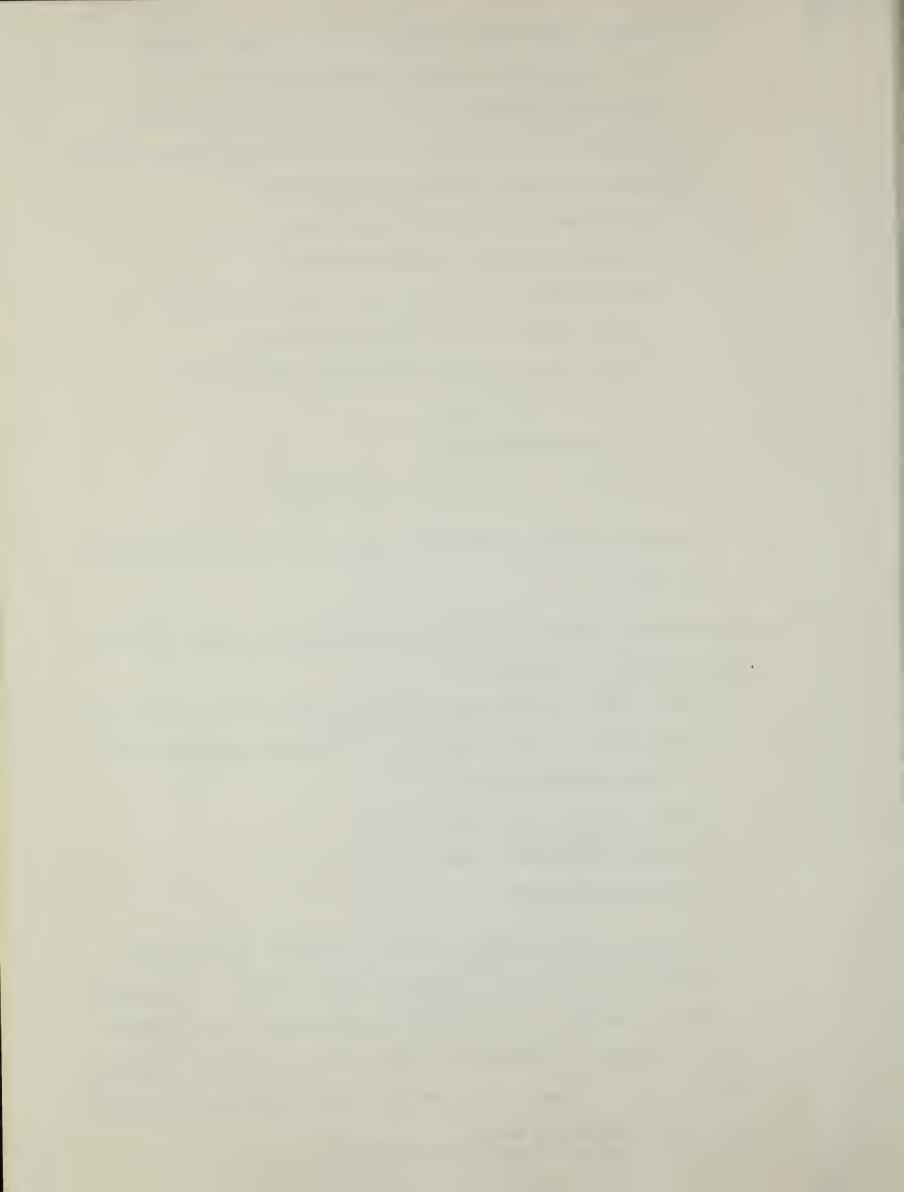
- d. Louise "Lu" Kirkpatrick, wife of Tom Kirkpatrick of Manchester, Ohio. Their children were: (1) Mary Redmond, Manchester, Ohio; (2) Lizzie Osman, Xenia, Ohio; (3) Ora Baldwin, Beasley's Fork, Brush Creek, Ohio; (4) Bessie Osman (deceased), (5) Nettie Leonard of Island Creek.
- e. William "Bill" Zechariah Black of Beasley's Fork (b.Adams Co. Sept.27,1855;m.Josephine Carson,Dec.29,1880; he d. in Adams Co.,Apr.9,1921,almost 66 yrs. of age). Bill and Josephine had the following children:Earl,Martin,John,Mrs.Mamie (Black) Thompson,Albert,Ezra,Harvey,Mrs.Lizzie (Black) Pence,and Virgil Black. Two other sons, another Albert Black and Martin Black died in infancy.
- f. John Chambers Black (1857-1934) is buried in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery at Manchester, Ohio. His wife, Ida M.Black (1870-1951) is buried beside him. They were the parents of Carl Black, Hazel Ruggles, and Oleitha Schultz of Brush Creek.
 - g. Cary Franklin "Frank" Black (d.July 10,1925 at Dayton,Ohio)
 was the husband of Margaret (Dietz) Black. Their children
 were: (1) William Black of Dayton,who has a son Donald, and
 (2) Mary (Black) Smith of Dayton,who has two children,

Evelyn and Dale Smith. h. Renjamin Satterfield Black (see next bage)

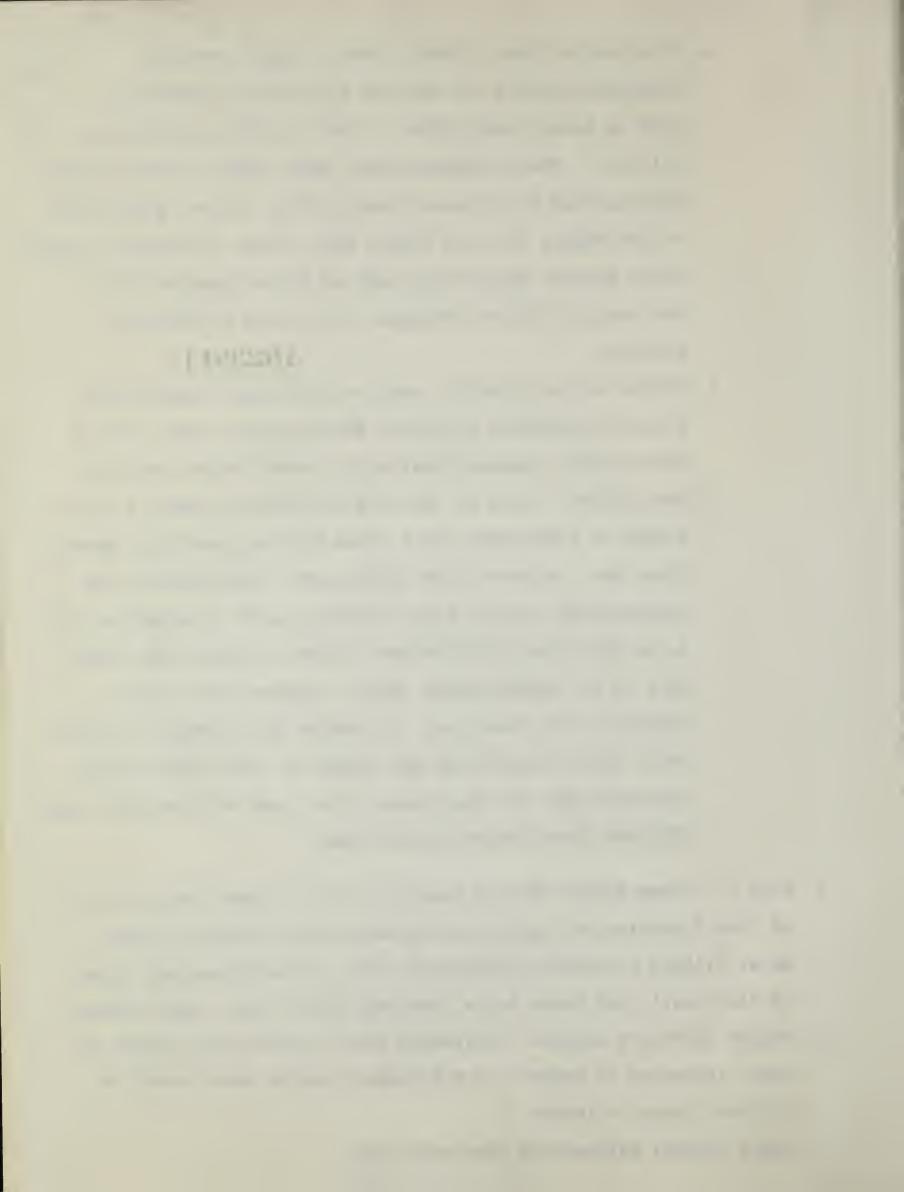


- h. Benjamin "Ben" Satterfield Black of Stone Chapel,
 Adams County, Ohio, later of Wilmington, Ohio (b. in
 Monroe Twp., Adams County, Ohio May 29, 1868; d.Mar.9,
 1949, aged 80 yrs., 9 mo., 10 da.) married on Nov. 26, 1890,
 Minnie Tumbleson. Their children were:
 - (1) Walter Black of Wilmington, Ohio.
 - (2) Russell Black of Wilmington, Ohio
 - (3) Mrs. Eva (Black) Fields of Wilmington, Ohio.
 - (4) Mrs. Mabel (Black) Lucas, Otway, Ohio
 - (5) Mrs.Lizzie (Black) Jones, West Union, Ohio
 - (6) Sylvia (deceased)
 - (7) Charles (deceased)
 - (8) Ethel (Black) Malone (deceased)
 - i. Watson Black- mentioned in the records of Mrs. Charles
 Petit.
- 3. Hester (Black) Thoroman (b.Aug.13,1822;m.Aug.20,1852 to Wilson Thoroman. Their children were:
 - a. Rev. Adaline (Thoroman) Sheeley, wife of Louis Sheeley of West Union. Their daughter, Mrs.Rose H. (Sheeley) Case lives at Sardinia, Chio.
 - b. Ella "Ellie" (Thoroman) Storer
 - c. Jennie "Thoroman" Jones
 - d. Malissa Thoroman
 - 4. David S.Black (b.Apr.2,1823; m.Sarah H.Foster ,Nov.28,1844; he d.Sept.8,1871). Sarah H.Foster (b.Jan 9,1823; d.Jan.4,1908 at Vinton, Iowa; bur. at Mount View Cemetery, Mt. Auburn, Iowa) was the daughter of Nathaniel Foster Jr. and Martha (Hayslip) Foster. David S.Black is buried at Stone Chapel, Adams County, Ohio. Their children were:

 8. John Wesley Black (see next page)

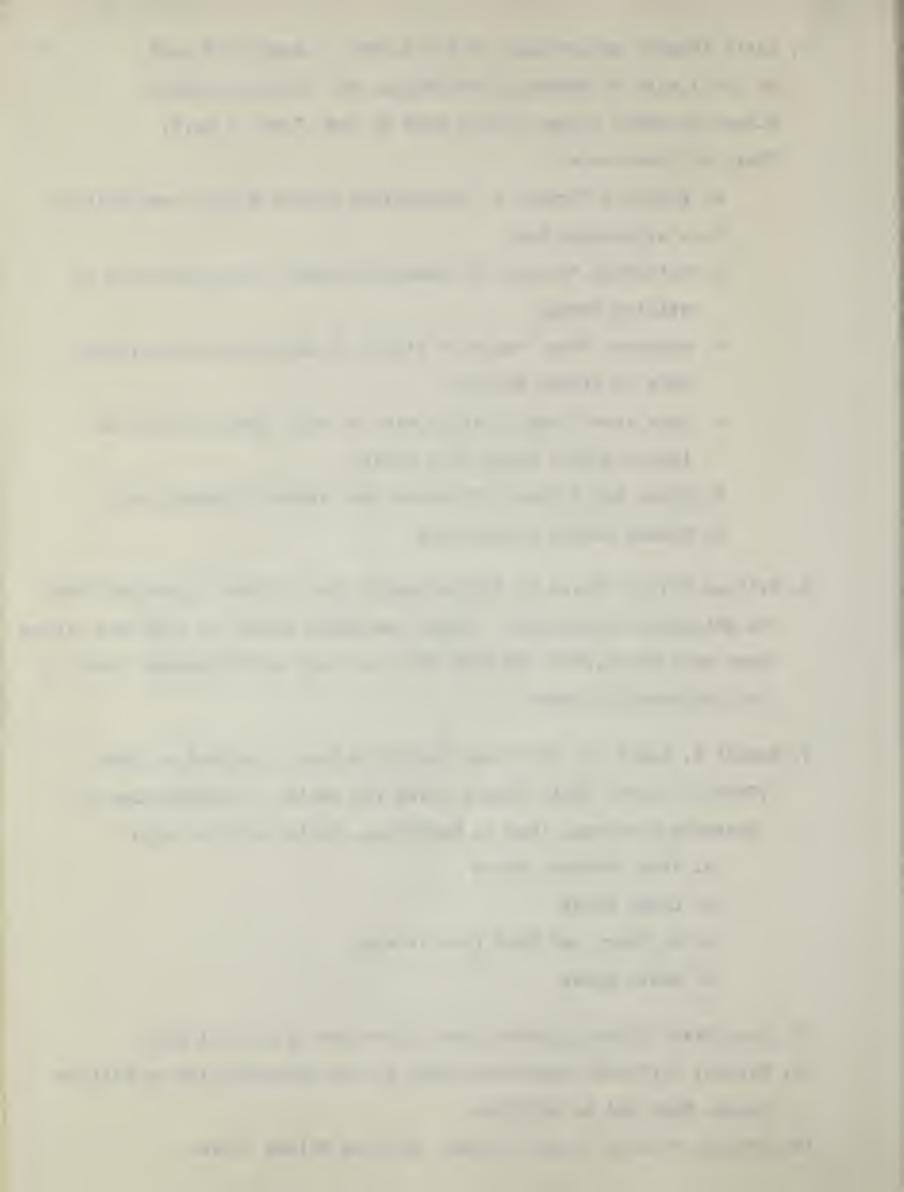


- a. John Wesley Black (b.Apr.5,1846; d.Aug.5,1930) of 5. Humboldt, Illinois. He married Alice Piatt (b.Nov.30, 1849 in Adams County, Ohio; d. May 16,1934 at Humboldt, Illinois). Their children were: Elmer Black; Craven Black; Charles Dick Black; Laura Black; Minnie (Black) Edgar, wife of Rue Edgar; John Roy Black; Dias Gibson Black; Doval Black; Maude (Black) Edgar, first wife of Harve Edgar (brother of Rue); and Bly (Black) Foreman, first wife of Milton C. 1823811 Foreman.
- b. Milton Watson Black (b. Sept.29,1848, Adams County, Ohio; d.Jan.20,1888, aged 39, Tiffin Twp.Adams Co., Ohio; bur. at Stone Chapel Cemetery, beside his father) never married.
- c. Enna (Black) Jones (b. Dec.8, 1861, Adams Co., Ohio; m. Apr. 8,1888 to J.W.Jones; she d. June 21,1928, near Mt. Auburn, Iowa; bur. in Mount View Cemetery, Mt. Auburn, Iowa). Her husband, John William Jones (b.Feb.14,1862 in Adams Co., 0.; d. in Salt Lake City, Utah, May 10, 1942; buried beside his wife at Mt. Auburn, Iowa). Their children were: infant daughter (born dead), bur. in Soldier Run graveyard on the David Black farm, Tiffin Twp., Adams Co., Ohio; David Tracy Jones, 818 East 5th St., Vinton, Iowa; and Paul Griffin Jones. Highland View Farm, Mt. Auburn, Iowa.
- 5. Mary A. "Young Polly" (Black) Denning (b.July 8,1825) was the wife of John B.Denning (b. Apr. 13, 1828; m. May 20, 1849). Their children were: William J.S.Denning, Portsmouth, Ohio; Lydia A(Denning) Spohn of Cincinnati; and Sarah Belle (Denning) Davis (bur. Stone Chapel).
- 6. Wesley Black-not married. Christened 1829 in Tiffin Twp., Adams Co., Ohio, according to records of W.M.Packer. Wesley Black moved to Illinois, then to Kansas.
- 7. Lydia (Black) Satterfield (see next page)



- 7. Lydia (Black) Satterfield (b.Feb.8,1835; d.Sept.1916,aged 82 yrs.),wife of Benjamin Satterfield Sr. (b.Jan.14,1836; m.Sept.23,1858; d.Aug.17,1923,aged 87 yrs.,7 mo.,3 da.).

 Their children were:
 - a. Franklin "Frank" C. Satterfield, Poplar Ridge, West Union, O.
 - b. a still-born boy
 - c. Elizabeth "Lizzie" H. Young, R. F. D. West Union, Ohio, wife of William Young.
 - d. Margaret "Mag" "Maggie" Fields (d.1940), West Union, Ohio, wife of Albert Fields.
 - e. Mary Jane Young (d.1923), wife of Will Young (Cousin to Lizzie's Will Young (see above).
 - f. Clara Belle Cross of Cherry Fork (North Liberty), Ohio.
 - g. Thomas Mullin Satterfield
- 8. William "Billy" Black of Tiffin Twp.(b.June 20,1837; m.Oct.28,1858, to Elizabeth Hazelbaker). Their son, Hamer Black, in 1926 was living near West Union, Ohio. In 1909 William Black and Elizabeth lived at Carl Junction, Missouri.
- 9. Samuel B. Black (d. 1909 near Westville, Okla.), husband of Jane (Treber) Black. Their family lived for awhile in Kansas; then in Gravette, Arkansas; then in Westville. Their children were:
 - a. John Chambers Black
 - b. Laura Black
 - c.,d. Harry and Fred (Joe?)-twins
 - e. Addie Black
- 10. Jane Black (b.Dec.3,1839; d.Nov.2,1842, aged 2 yrs.,11 mo.)
- 11. Harriet G. (Black) Leech (or Leach) (b. Jan. 18, 1843), wife of William Leech. They had no children.
- 12. Adaline W.Black (b.Apr.9,1848). Married Milton Tolle.



Samuel Black Jr. (b.Mar.15,1791 in Penn.) was the son of Samuel Black Sr. and Hester(Conell) Black. His wife was Polly (Whaley) Black. They had a daughter, Mary Jane Black, who married Alfred Grooms of Humboldt, Illinois. Their son, James "Jim" Grooms still lives at Humboldt.

FAMILY OF WILLIAM BLACK (b.Mar.19,1793)

William Black (b.Mar.19,1793 in Penn.) was the son of Samuel Black Sr. and Hester (Conell) Black. He married Mary Bayless, whom Mr. Packer says was christened in 1804 (according to the U.S.Census of 1850). Their children were Jasper L. (c.1832, Tiffin Twp., Adams Co. Ohio) and Lavinia (c.1840, Tiffin Twp., Adams Co., Ohio.).

ELIZABETH BLACK (b.Feb.2,1795)

We have no information, other than the above, of Elizabeth Black, daughter of Samuel Black Sr. and Hester (Conell) Black.

FAMILY OF JOHN BLACK (b.July 20,1797)

John Black (b.July 20,1797), son of Samuel Black Sr. and Hester (Conell) Black, married Mary "Old Polly" Piatt (c.1800), daughter of Benjamin Piatt and Mary (Waddell) Piatt. Mr.Packer, from the national census of 1850 secured the following list of their children:

Sarah E.- christened 1837, Tiffin Twp., Adams Co., Ohio Eliza L.-c.1839, Tiffin Twp., Adams Co., Ohio George W.-c.1840, Tiffin Twp., Adams Co., Ohio Henrietta-c.1844, Tiffin Twp., Adams Co., Ohio Zachariah-c.1845, Tiffin Twp., Adams Co., Ohio Samuel M.-c.1848, Tiffin Twp., Adams Co., Ohio



Rebecca "Beckie" (Black) Baird (b.Aug. 26, 1799) in Pennsylvania) was the daughter of Samuel Black Sr. and Hester (Conell) Black. She and her husband, John Baird (christened 1797 in Penn, according to Mr. Packer from census of 1850), had the following children:

Hester J. -c.1825, Tiffin Twp., Adams Co., Ohio

Rebecca Caroline (b.Jan.13,1826;c.1827,Tiffin Twp.; d.April 1,1907, aged 81 yrs.,2 mo.,18 da.; bur. in Stone Chapel Cemetery)never married.

Samuel H.- c.1830, Tiffin Twp., Adams Co., Ohio

John Zechariah- c.1833, Tiffin Twp., Adams Co., Ohio

James C .- c.1836, Tiffin Twp; , Adams Co., Ohio

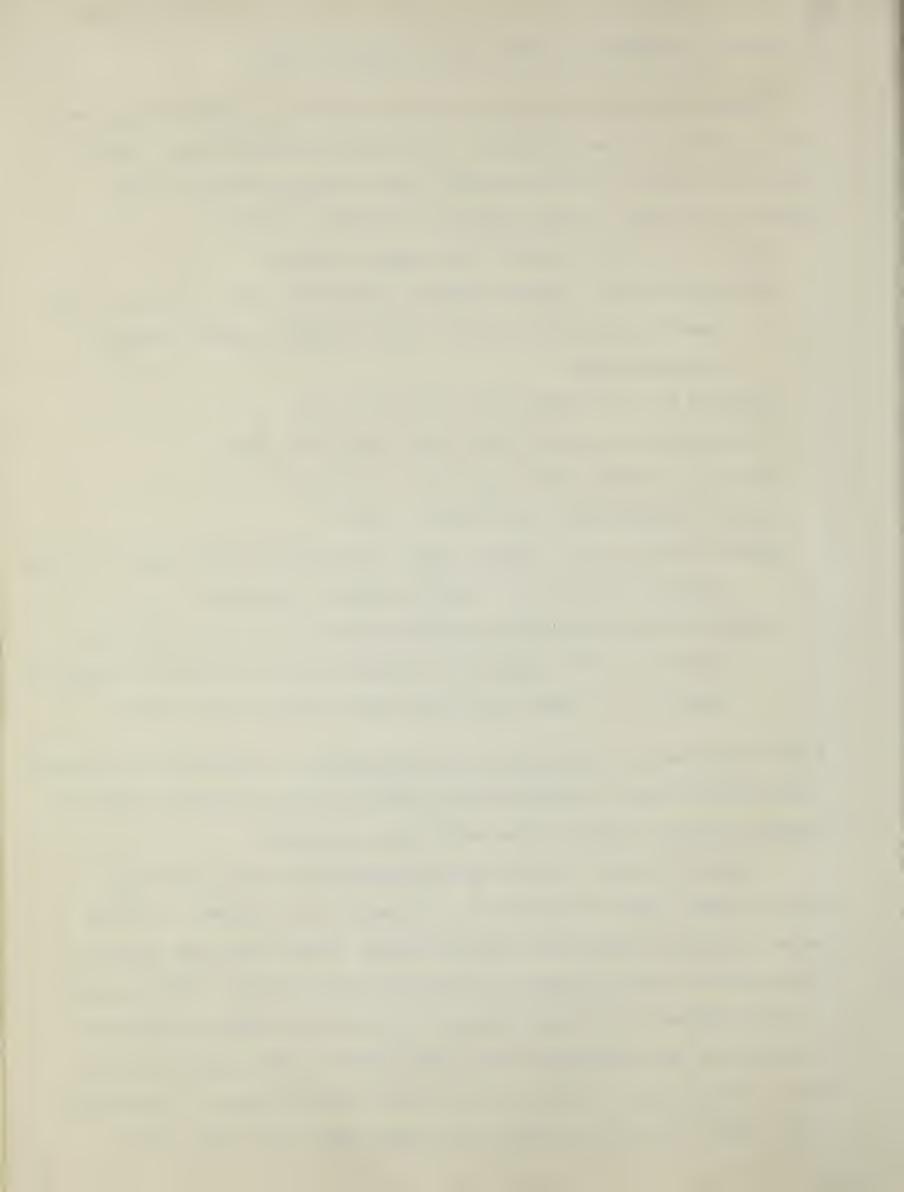
Nancy- c.1838, Tiffin Twp., Adams Co., Ohio

Francis Asbury Baird (b.May 3,1835; c.1839, Tiffin Twp., Adams Co., Ohio; d.March 23,1876; bur. in Stone Chapel Cemetery)

Virginia (Baird) McDermott- not mentioned in Mr.Packer's list of census of 1850. However my records have no mention of Hester J., James C., or Nancy, other than the census records above.

I have additional information on the following in the above list: Samuel H.Baird, John Zechariah Baird, Francis Asbury Baird, and Virginia (Baird) McDermott, which follows in the next four paragraphs:

Samuel H.Baird (c.1830; bur.in Kentucky) was the husband of Malinda (Fear) Baird. They had the following six children: (1) Cary Baxter Baird; (2) Edwin Dory Baird, husband of Exa Baird and father of Thesna Baird of Stone Chapel; (3) William "Willie" Homer Baird, husband of Anna F. (Houser) Baird. She died aged 71, Mon. Apr. 7, 1952, at Columbus, Ohio, leaving two daughters: Miss Minnie Baird of West Union, and Mrs. Mary Hist of Columbus, Ohio, also a brother James Houser of Atlanta, Ga., and a sister, Mrs. Ellen Kelly of Mt. Vernon, Ohio. (4) Oscar Baird,



buried in Stone Chapel Cemetery. (5) Another son, probably named Franklin, buried in Kentucky in a different cemetery than his father. (6) Leslie Baird.

John Zechariah Baird (usually called Zechariah) (c.1833, Tiffin Twp.) married Catherine Easter. They lived at Humboldt, Illinois.

Francis Asbury Baird (usually called Asbury) (c.1839; b.May 3, 1835; d.Mar. 23, 1876; bur. in Stone Chapel Cemetery) married Sarah Jane Mowery. They had five children: (1) Mrs. Emma (Baird) Thoroman of Cincinnati, Ohio, whom we saw in 1909 in West Union; (2) Edna Olga Baird; (3) Laura B.Fields (b.May 5,1869; d.of stroke, Jan. 25, 1946). She married Simon P.Fields, son of John B.Fields. They had four children: Jessie Angeline Fields of Stone Chapel; Oris Fields of Martinsville, who in turn has four (2 boys, Oris and Olan)&(2 girls) Ora(Fields)Stewart, wife of Justin (or Justus) Stewart of Loveland, Ohio, and Lucile (Fields) Harrison, wife of Sam Harrison of Cincinnati). (4) William "Willie"N. Baird of Stone Chapel (b.Jan.23,1872; d.Fri.Feb.1,1946 at 2 A.M., aged 74 years). On Dec. 31, 1901, he married Minnie Belle Crummie (d. Feb. 26, 1926). They had two children: (1) Mrs. Virgil Miller of West Union, mother of Dorothy Ruth Miller; and (2) Orville Baird of Stone Chapel, who married Thelma Beatrice Baldwin. Orville and Thelma are the parents of Mary Ester Baird (b.about 1930) of Columbus, Ohio; and Derryl O.Baird (b.Sept.6,1950). (5) Jesse Baird of Iroquois, Illinois (d. July 9,1949, aged 84; another account says he was 71 years old in 1946). His wife was Minnie (Grooms) Baird. They had four children: Roy Baird of Iroquois, Ill.; Ray Baird of Watseka, Ill. Clara of Iroquois; and another daughter.

Virginia "Ginny" (Baird) McDermott was the wife of William McDermott. Their two children were: Estella McDermott, Homer Easter's wife, and Alva McDermott who staid at Homer Easter's.



FAMILY OF JENNET (OR JANET OR "JENNIE") (BLACK) GROOMS (b.Jan.16,1802)

Jennet (Janet, "Jane", Jennie) (Black) Grooms, the daughter of Samuel Black Sr. and Hester (Conell) Black was the first wife of Eli B. Grooms(c. in 1797 in Ohio; bur. in Stone Chapel Cemetery). Eli was the son of Abraham Grooms(pvt. Virginia militia, Rev. War) and his wife Margaret Grooms.

Eli B.Grooms and his first wife, Janet (Black) Grooms (she d. Apr.11,1877,aged 75 yrs.3 mo.,1 da.;bur. at Stone Chapel) had four children:

- (1) Samuel B. Grooms
- (2) Hiram Connell Grooms
- (3) Maria J. (Grooms) Trefz
- (4) Rebecca M. (Grooms) Fields, mother of Linie (Fields) Burr

Eli B.Grooms and his second wife, Rachel (Easter) Grooms had four children (order irregular):

- (1) Elgie (Grooms) Carrigan (d. aged 70 at West Union), mother of Dewey Carrigan of Seaman, Ohio.
- (2) Wylie Grooms of Cherry Fork, whose son, Trevis Grooms married
 Anna Mae Satterfield, daughter of Benjamin and Rose Satterfield
 of Poplar Ridge. Trevis and Anna have four children: Eugene
 Grooms (deceased); Robert Grooms; Margaret Marcella Grooms; and
 Treva Mae Grooms.
- (3) Charles E.Grooms of West Union, who married Rose Trotter. Their children are: Robert Grooms of Dayton; James Grooms of Dayton; Timothy Grooms of Dayton; and Mrs. John Bayless of West Union, Ohio.
 - (4) Euretus (Uretus) Grooms of West Union, Ohio.

To come back to the first wife's family, I have further



Samuel B.Grooms (b.Aug.29,1832;d.Dec.26,1922,aged 96 yrs., 3 mo.,27 da.; bur. I.O.O.F.Cemetery, West Union, Ohio), the son of Eli B. Grooms and Jennie (Black) Grooms, married twice. His first wife, Frances (Waldren) Grooms, died Feb. 3,1895. His second wife, Eliza Jane (Abbott) Grooms died June 11,1913. He had no children, but he and his first wife adopted (some say "not adopted, just reared") two daughters: Ida Grooms, wife of Allan Morrison, and Edith Grooms (d.Oct.31,1912). Edith was the first wife of Isaac Newton "Newt" Morrison (b. near Beasley's Fork, May 17,1867;d.Nov.16,1950, aged 83 yrs., 5 mo., 29 da.). Newt and Edith Morrison lived five miles east of West Union on the Morrison farm. They had 4 sons and 4 daughters, as follows:

- sons: (1) Bryant Morrison
 - (2) Floyd Morrison
 - (3) Leslie Morrison
 - (4) Samuel Morrison, a teacher, whose son, Richard Morrison, and grandson, Ricky Morrison, live at Dayton, Ohio.

daughters:

- (1) Lou Morrison
- (2) Maggie Morrison
- (3) Mary Morrison
- (4) Grace "Gracie" Morrison

Hiram Connell Grooms (d.Mar.29,1905) married Eliza Jane Cooper (b.Jan.14,1843;d.Jan.31,1940,at the home of her daughter, Exa Baird). Hiram Connell Grooms and Eliza Jane (Cooper) Grooms had six children, as follows:

(1) Malinda D. (Grooms) Piatt of Youngsville, Ohio; later of Dayton, Ohio; who, on Sept. 29, 1886, married William Sherman Piatt, son of Frank Piatt of Stone Chapel.



- (2) Ann Elizabeth Josephine "Josie" (Grooms) Moore (d.Mar. 18,1915), wife of William "Billy" Moore of Adams County, Ohio, later Moscow, near Muscatine, Iowa, still later, moved back to Ohio. They had two sons;
 - (a) Carl Moore of Athens, Chio, who had two sons, Arthur Moore and Jimmie Moore.
 - (b) Connell Rexford Moore.
- (3) Exa C. (Grooms) Baird, wife of Edwin Dory Baird, the son of Sam Baird. Their daughter is Thesna Baird of Stone Chapel, Adams County, Ohio.
- (4) Elizabeth (Grooms) Knauff (d.Tues.Jan.15,1957 at her home, R.2,Stone Chapel,West Union,Ohio; bur. Memorial Park Mausoleum,Dayton,Ohio). She was the wife of Conrad Knauff (d.Dec.2,1940) of Seaman,Ohio,later of West Union. Their two children are Edgar Knauff,R.2,Stone Chapel; and Mrs. Helen (Knauff) Tumbleson, of near Seaman.
- (5) Smith Grooms of Stone Chapel (b.Nov.23,1873;d.Oct.3,1953, aged 79 yrs.,10 mo.,10 da.; bur. at West Union I.O.O.F.Cemetery).

 He never married, but lived with his sister, Exa Baird.
- (6) Samuel K.Grooms (d.Mon.Jan.10,1921,aged 39 yrs.) married Jennie B.Moore (b. about 1888). Their son is Herbert H. Grooms of Stone Chapel.



FAMILY OF HESTER (BLACK) PLATT (b.July 29,1805)

Hester "Hetty" (Black) Piatt (b.July 29,1805; d.Nov.2,1881; bur. in Stone Chapel Cemetery) was the daughter of Samuel Black Sr. and Hester (Conell) Black. In 1824, she married John Piatt (b. about 1804 in Virginia), son of Benjamin Piatt and Polly (Waddle) Piatt. John Piatt was a brother of Mary "Old Polly" (Piatt) Black, wife of John Black (b. July 20,1797) mentioned above.

The Packer records state that John Piatt and Hester (Black)Piatt had eleven children, but we have the names of only eight, as follows:

- (1) Andrew Jackson "Jack" Piatt (b.July 14,1825), who married Elizabeth Young.
- (2) Horatio Piatt (b.Dec.28,1827), who married Anne Hayslip.
- (3) Jane Amanda Piatt (b.May 29,1830), who married Samuel Mowrer (Mowrey).
- (4) John A. Piatt (b.Nov.7,1832,Adams Co.,O.),who married Mary Bridwell. Their daughter was Effie (Piatt) Joseph.
- (5) Hester Margaret Piatt (b.1835). Died in a brush fire in 1845.
- (6) Lewis Piatt (b.Jan.15,1837), who married Scotty Ann Baldwin.
- (7) Zechariah Piatt (b.1840).Died young.
- (8) Sarah Elizabeth Piatt (b.1843), who was married Dec.23,1871 to

 John H.W. Thomas. They were the parents of the late Mrs. Charles

 Petit of West Union, Ohio.

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